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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON CONVERSATION WITH
PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES

1. SUMMARIZING A TWO-HOUR CONVERSATION FOLLOWED BY LUNCH
THAT HE HAD WITH PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES, BRAZILIAN
AMBASSADOR TO INDIA ASSUMPCAO DE ARAUJO TOLD THE DCM
JANUARY 2 THAT HIS THEORY WAS THAT SOARES' MAJOR INTEREST IN
HIS TOUR OF INDIA, THE USSR, ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA WAS THE
EFFECT IT MIGHT HAVE ON HIS AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY'S
FORTUNES IN PORTUGAL. ASSUMPCAO DE ARAUJO EMPHASIZED
SOARES' PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES AND OBSERVED THAT A
NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE JOURNALISTS HAD ACCOMPANIED THE FONMIN
AND WERE STAYING IN INDIA FOR AN ADDITIONAL WEEK ALONG WITH
THE PORTUGUESE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL COMMUNICATION
SO THEY COULD REPORT MORE FULLY ON THE SITUATION IN GOA.

2. SOARES HIMSELF WAS FILLED WITH PRAISE FOR THE WARM
RECEPTION HE HAD RECEIVED IN GOA AND REMARKED THAT HE HAD
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EATEN OFF THE SAME SILVER PLATE AND CHINA AND BEEN FED BY

THE SAME SERVANTS IN THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE
WHO HAD BEEN THERE 20 YEARS EARLIER.

3. THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD BEEN STRUCK BY
SOARES' PUBLIC SPEECH DECEMBER 31 IN NEW DELHI IN WHICH HE
WAS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT THE DEFEAT OF
FASCISM IN PORTUGAL, GREECE, AND SPAIN COULD CHANGE POLITICAL
CONDITIONS IN EUROPE. ASSUMPCAO DE ARAUJO ALLEGED THAT
SOARES HAD GOTTEN A QUERY FROM LISBON ABOUT HIS REMARKS
AND THAT THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN DELHI HAD MADE INQUIRIES
ABOUT THEM AS WELL. THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR SAID HE
ASSUMED SOARES' REMARKS WERE MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
GETTING VOTES FROM THE COMMUNISTS IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS
IN PORTUGAL.

4. COMMENT: WE SOMETIMES HAVE TROUBLE WITH THE ENGLISH
OF THE DISTINGUISHED BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR, BUT THIS IS
WHAT EMERGED THROUGH THE MURK. WE DON'T KNOW IF IT SHEDS
ANY USEFUL LIGHT BUT OUR BRAZILIAN COLLEAGUE IS THE ONLY
ONE WE'VE RUN ACROSS WHO HAS ANY KIND OF PERSONAL FLAVOR
TO CONVEY FROM SOARES' TRIP.

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